

AMATEUR RADIO MAN

TALKS WITH SCOTLAND

GREENWICH, Conn., Dec. 12.—The distinction of sending the first wireless message across the Atlantic with an ordinary amateur set goes to Min-ton Cronkhite, a New York merchant, according to dispatches from Scotland. The message breaks all existing authenticated amateur wireless telegraph records.

Cronkhite, who has a sending set of one kilowatt on his father's estate here, has been sending messages night and day as part of the trans-Atlantic tests

conducted for the past few evenings under the auspices of the Radio Club of America.

HUNTER KNOCKED OVER
BY DOG LOSES HIS ARM

SNOW HILL, Md., Dec. 12.—Nor-man Matthews, of Pocomoke City, lost his arm as the result of a gunning accident Wednesday.

Matthews had just killed a rabbit and stood his loaded gun against a tree. One of his dogs made a jump for the rabbit and knocked over the gun, which went off. The entire charge of shot went into his arm.

MEDBURY

Says Some People Think a Song Writer Has to Be in a Mood Before He Can Write, but He Doesn't—He has to Be Broke.

By John P. Medbury.

A SONG writer is a funny fellow. He's the guy who can take "Love" and make it rhyme with "Above" and then go down to the music publisher every six months and collect his royalties.

You hear of some song writers spending five weeks on one song and they do. They spend one hour writing it and the rest of the time selling it.

Some people think that a lot of songs are the same, but they're not. The words and music of fifty songs may be just alike but they all have different pictures on the cover.

A guy who will write a song about wanting to remain in beautiful sunny Tennessee, when the chances are he wrote the song in Brooklyn while it was raining.

The nearest he probably ever got to Tennessee was the information bureau at the Pennsylvania Station.

A lot of people think a song writer has to be in a mood before he can write, but he doesn't. He has to be broke.

Some folks think that song writing is a gift. The music publishers

don't think so when it comes to paying out the royalties.

Other people think the publishers buy the songs for little or nothing, and sometimes they do. One writer wrote a bum piece of poetry and sold it for a song.

When a song becomes popular a lot of people wonder which was written first, the melody or the lyrics. The rest of them wonder why it was written at all.

A lot of people think that song writers do their best work around noon time, but they don't. How can anybody work when they're sleeping?

Some melody writers write music and they can't even play the piano. After you listen to some of the songs you don't doubt it.

One guy went into a publisher and said: "Here's a new song I wrote on the spur of the moment." The publisher wanted to know what kind of an instrument that was.

This is all written in fun, and song writers are doing their share to keep the world smiling, and they bring happiness into the lives of everybody except actors and music publishers.

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YOUTH SEIZED
IN PLOT TO KILL
JAPAN PREMIER

Heaviest Secret Service Guard in Years Protects Cabinet Members.

By DUKE N. PARRY.

TOKYO, Dec. 12.—A death threat sent to Premier Takahashi through the mails has led to the arrest of a twenty-year-old Japanese, and today all members of the government are guarded by the heaviest force of secret service agents in many years.

According to the police, the prisoner's name is Shijore Kotate. He is alleged to have said in his letter that his threat against the Premier's life would be put into effect if Takahashi

"should take action similar to that of the late Premier Hara."

The arrest of Kotate has led to rumors of the existence of a plot against the lives of other members of the Cabinet. Police precautions of the most extraordinary kind are being taken. When the Premier, or any of his colleagues appear in public, they are accompanied by bodyguards of plain clothes detectives.

A special bodyguard has been provided for the Premier, and all persons who approach him are kept under keen surveillance.

'BLUEBEARD' GIVES UP HOPE
OF STAYING DEATH ORDER

PARIS, Dec. 12.—Visited in his cell in the Versailles prison yesterday by Dr. Robert, Henri Landru, convicted "Bluebeard," of Gambais, who was lying on his cot seriously ill, declared: "The battle is lost, as Francis the First was wont to say."

To the gendarmes Landru said: "Miserables, miserable, those who condemn me, as Victor Hugo wrote."

M. Moro-Giafferi, who defended Landru at his sensational trial for the murder of ten women and a boy, has applied for a commission to inquire into his client's sanity.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS
OF RADIOLOGISTS URGED

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—An international congress of radiologists from France, Belgium, the United States and England was proposed before the Radiological Society of North America, in convention here, after a suggestion from Dr. A. E. Barclay, of Manchester, England.

The Congress was suggested as a means of clearing up international questions in connection with the treatment of cancer. It was received with favor by the delegates, who were considering also next year's meeting place. New York and Detroit are bidders.

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AT ALEXANDRIA

Car Overtakes, Pinning Suspected Bootleggers Beneath It.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Dec. 12.—Two men are at the Alexandria Hospital, one probably fatally injured, as the result of police chasing a touring car said to contain liquor yesterday. The car overturned, pinning the men beneath it.

Word was received in Alexandria shortly before noon yesterday that a big touring car laden with whiskey, in which were three men, was headed toward the city. Policemen Drurrier and Magner, on motorcycles, and Sergeant Campbell and J. J. Hudgins, deputy collector of internal revenue, in an automobile started down the Camp Humphreys road to head off the men.

They came upon the car about two miles south of this city. When the suspected car saw the police officers they immediately started toward Alexandria at high speed, followed by the policemen.

As the forward car took the curve at the corner of Patrick and Franklin streets it overturned, throwing bottles said to contain corn whiskey in every direction and pinning two of the men beneath it. The third man jumped from the machine and escaped.

The policemen, when they arrived on the scene, removed the men and conveyed them to the Alexandria Hospital, where they gave the names of Louis Orris, 226 South Sixtieth street, Philadelphia, and Walter Shapiro, 911 East Fayette street, Baltimore.

Orris had his spine broken and is injured internally. Shapiro is suffering from a smashed leg.

The alleged liquor was placed aboard trucks and taken to police headquarters, where it was found there was a total of 180 half-gallon jars. The automobile was taken to a garage for repairs.

Policeman George Nails has been detailed to guard the injured men at the Hospital.

Prelate to Visit St. John's.

Archbishop Michael J. Curley, head of the arch-diocese of Baltimore, will visit St. John's College next month. It was announced today by the Rev. Brother Edward, president of the college. An elaborate reception is being planned for the archbishop by the students of the school.

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